

**In the Abstract**

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**STRUCTURE FOR USE IN [[MOUNTING]] A [[PROJECTION LENS  
ASSEMBLY IN A]] PROJECTION EXPOSURE SYSTEM FOR  
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTORS**

A structure for mounting an assembly of optical elements disposed within a housing, in particular of a projection lens assembly of a projection exposure system for manufacturing semiconductor elements includes a plurality of supporting elements, each respective one of which forms part of a respective one of a plurality of connections through which the housing of the assembly is connected to said supporting structure through which the weight of the assembly is transferred to the supporting structure in such a way that supporting forces generated by said supporting structure are taken up by pressure forces and shear forces which act on at least one of the supporting elements.